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New priorities set for SU

By Justin Ritter
Editorial Editor

Students, staff, faculty and various community members attended President Janet Dudley-Eshbach's 2006 State of the University Address in Holloway Hall last Tuesday.

Of those in attendance, Dudley-Eshbach first thanked the Eastern Shore delegation of the Maryland General Assembly. She said their efforts, "will transform our national reputation, the aesthetics of our campus, and the manner in which teaching and learning occur within our classrooms."

Dudley-Eshbach then recognized local philanthropists for their contributions to the university. "We are fortunate to be located in a community that recognizes the importance of higher education, and we are even more blessed to have philanthropists locally and nationally who are committed to helping make dreams become reality," said the president. One philanthropist filling those dreams Jim Perdue with his \$8 million donation from the Arthur W. Perdue Foundation last month. Another is Sam Brown, who has given S. U. a remainder trust currently valued at \$4.5 million.

Dudley-Eshbach also spoke of the academic achievement of the student body saying that SU has, "the highest four-year graduation rate in the University System of Maryland."

"A school that once rested in the shadow of other Maryland institutions is now earning national recognition from the likes of US News & World Report, The Princeton Review, and Kiplinger's as one of the truly great universities in the United States," she said. "We have truly become a Maryland University of National Distinction. I firmly believe that our responsibility to those constituencies that I have noted here today, and the essential obligation of what we have achieved thus far, is to continue moving forward."

For Dudley-Eshbach, moving forward means that, "We must chart a strategic course that will enable Salisbury University to become yet more distinctive within the University System of Maryland and in all of American higher education."

"The Board of Regents that governs the University System of Maryland believes in the quality of our institution. They have designated Salisbury University as one of only two 'enrollment growth institutions' within the System," Dudley-Eshbach said. "Because we have been designated as an 'enrollment growth institution,' we must develop a thoughtful, focused enrollment management strategy," she said.

"Now we have an opportunity to build our distinctiveness and quality through a new curriculum which, if adopted, will be unique within the University System of Maryland," Eshbach stated. "For the past year, SU faculty have been considering the merits of a 'course-based curriculum.' Under this model, courses, and not credit hours, are the basic measure of academic content." Dudley-Eshbach stated that the easiest way to accommodate Salisbury's projected enrollment growth by the University System of Maryland will be to adopt the course-based aca-

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SU President

demic model.

According to Dudley-Eshbach, this new type of course-based curriculum Dudley-Eshbach said "would allow faculty to present course material in greater depth and would facilitate greater personal interaction between instructors and students."

"We are at a rare moment when we have the opportunity to transform the way in which we provide higher education on this campus. One week from today [April 25] all faculty are asked to vote on the [course-based] proposal. Should the course-based model be approved, the provost and I will provide faculty with the time and resources for the planning, transition, and successful implementation of the new curriculum-delivery system," said Dudley-Eshbach.

"Governor Ehrlich's operating budget for fiscal year 2007 will increase our State funding by approximately 15 percent. It includes an 'enrollment growth allocation' that will allow us to accommodate 323 additional students next year. It will allow us to hire a number of new faculty and staff, and it also will allow us to better address faculty salary issues," she said.

Dudley-Eshbach's hope for the future includes an expansion of opportunities for students to study abroad, more opportunities for internships, an increase of SU web-based courses, "establish a greater presence in Maryland's distance learning centers," and to offer programs for local retirees.

Dudley-Eshbach addressed the need for SU to have a new library. "Without a high quality library, this university cannot sustain its rise to national distinction, and it cannot realize its full potential as a civic resource and economic engine for our community," said Dudley-Eshbach. Other priorities included in Salisbury's "Master Plan" as she termed it, "are to begin planning for a parking garage, a fine and performing arts center that will provide new space for the Fulton School, and better recreational and athletic facilities. We also are actively exploring the acquisition of land to expand beyond our current 145 acres."

Dudley-Eshbach finished her presentation stating, "I would ask everyone to dream a bit, to imagine what this university could become...and then help me in the pursuit of that dream." Then she thanked the audience in attendance and said in closure, "Let's get started."

Support for Relay undampened by weather



Above & Right: Survivors share a touching moment in the first lap of Relay known as the Survivor Lap, dedicated to cancer survivors.

Photos By Chris Baum/The Flyer

By Megan Wintersteen & Rachel Lopez
Layout Editor & Staff Writer

Relay for Life was moved inside to Maggs Gym because of the rainy weather on Friday, but the spirits and energy still soared.

Relay has raised over \$120,000 to date and will continue to accept money until the end of July. The amount raised at this point is significantly more than where it was last year, so their goal of reaching \$150,000 is still very possible.

It was Salisbury's fifth Relay for Life and the fundraisers that the teams had planned out were creative and fun. A variety of clubs and organizations came out to support the cause. Although everyone was there for their own reasons, it brought hundreds of people together and will continue to connect people all around the world until a cure is found.

If you would like to contribute to Relay for Life please visit www.acsevents.org/surelay for more information.



Three SU faculty receive highest honors from USM regents

By Sarah Lake
Staff Writer

During a recent ceremony in Baltimore three Salisbury University professors received the Regents Award for Excellence, which is the highest faculty honor given by the University System of Maryland.

Art Department faculty member Marie Cavallaro was recognized for her public service efforts, Dr. E. Eugene Williams of the Biological Sciences Department received his award for mentoring, and Philosophy professor Dr. Jerome Miller was awarded for teaching.

A former head of the art department, Cavallaro guides and assists up and coming artists develop their talents. Co-founder of the Cavallaro Cleary Visual Arts Foundation (CCART), Cavallaro has helped make it possible for local high school students to attend art

schools after high school by helping to raise more than \$30,000 for students in the past seven years. She constructed a similar program for SU students by founding the Art Department Scholarship fund, which raised \$40,000 for SU freshman and transfer students pursuing an art degree. An artist herself, Cavallaro frequently donates her own artwork to charity auctions and provides an arts education to local home-schooled students.

Since 1972, Dr. Jerome Miller has been on the Philosophy Department faculty at SU and has received a variety of awards for his teaching including the Distinguished Faculty Award, the SU Alumni Association's Outstanding Faculty Award, the SGA's Outstanding Faculty Award, and the Basic Issues and Forum Award in Philosophy from Washington and Jefferson College. Miller is also the faculty advisor to

SU's chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and has been awarded the SU Student Organization Advisor Award for his leadership with the group.

Students consistently rank his classes and techniques among the best. Currently on www.ratemyprofessors.com, Miller has an "overall quality" rating of 4.2 out of a possible 5.0. One student posted a comment that read "Miller is a genius. If you are a student in Salisbury...you have to take his class."

Commenting on his recent Regents' Award, he said, "Teaching is one of the great human experiences. The real honor is to be able to do that for 35 years."

Dr. E. Eugene Williams, an associate professor of biology in the Richard A. Henson School of Science and Technology, is credited with developing what University

officials have termed "...some of the boldest scientific experimentation practiced at SU." Williams conducts experiments to advance studies in finding a cure for cancer. Recently, the National Science Foundation awarded him a \$25,000 grant to study the changes in fishes' lipid metabolism in extreme temperatures. He believes that the results of this research could assist in the eradication of cancer. In the past two decades, Williams has published 19 articles and numerous abstracts and he is a highly sought-after speaker for seminars at campuses such as Penn State, Florida Atlantic, and Western Michigan universities.

"It's always nice to receive an award like this," he said. "It's a good feeling to know that the things that are important to you are seen as important to others."



Story Brief

Earth Day spreads awareness at SU

Last Wednesday SU celebrated Earth Day, and it could not have been better. The weather was beautiful and it brought out a large crowd that took part in the awareness and education of the planet's delicate yet vital environment.

Many clubs participated including the Outdoor Club, SOAP, Asian and Pacific Islanders club, Peace Alliance, Environmental Science Club, SSACK, ESA Green, Surf Club, Habitat for Humanity, National Wildlife Refuge, and Catholic Campus Ministry, just to name a few. Clubs had booths set up to educate others of environmentally safe and positive practices.

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FINAL COFFEEHOUSE

Cool Beans Cyber Cafe presents the last Faculty, Folks and Friends coffeehouse of the semester 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, April 26. The evening's special guest is folklorist and song writer Michael Miller. Guitarist Chad Jones opens the show. Any musician interested in performing should contact Dr. Diana Wagner at 410-543-6290 or dmwagner@salisbury.edu.

CAP AND GOWN PICK UP

Graduating seniors may pick up their caps and gowns 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, April 26-27, and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, April 28, at the University Bookstore. Students who are not able to pick up their graduation items because they are student teaching outside the area or otherwise not on campus may contact Lisa Gray at 410-543-6390 or lggray@salisbury.edu to make special arrangements. Caps, gowns and tickets may be picked up at the Bookstore through noon Wednesday, May 24.

MINORITY ACCOUNTING SCHOLARSHIP

The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants awards the Minority Accounting Students Scholarship, a competitive merit-based award up to \$5,000 for outstanding minority accounting students who show significant potential to become certified public accountants. To be eligible for the undergraduate scholarship, a student must be a declared accounting major with an overall and accounting GPA of at least 3.3 on a 4.0 scale; a minority student who has satisfactorily completed at least 30 semester hours in accounting; and enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student at a four-year institution. The scholarship application deadline is June 1, 2006. Applications are available in the Financial Aid Office, Holloway Hall Room 213, or online at www.aicpa.org/diversity.

COMEDY CENTRAL'S CHANG TO COME TO SU

Comedy Central's Eliot Chang will be performing a comedy show on May 1, 2006 in the Wicomico Room of GUC at 7:00 p.m. Chang, who has appeared on Comedy Central's "Premium Blend," NBC's "Law & Order: SVU," and Spike TV's "CrashTest," will come to SU as a part of the weeklong Multicultural Festival celebration. His performance, which is sponsored by SU's Asian American Pacific Islander Club is free and open to the public.

SHOOTING RAMPAGE PREVENTED IN KANSAS

Five Kansas teens remain in custody after their planned shooting rampage was broken up through the MySpace.com website. School officials were alerted to threatening messages that had been posted on the popular social networking website. The boys, all whom are ages 16 to 18, were arrested on April 20, which is the anniversary of the Columbine massacre and Adolf Hitler's birthday.

Sheriff's deputies found guns, ammunition, knives and documents with coded messages in one suspect's home, while they found documents about firearms and references to Armageddon in other suspects' school lockers. Bail for each of the teens was set at \$500,000.

OIL PRICES SOARING

Consumers can expect gas prices to reach \$4 a gallon soon according to CNN. Ben Brockwell, director of pricing at the Oil Price Information Service said, "There's no question gas will hit \$4 a gallon." Whether the price stays there depends on the long-term damage to oil facilities from Hurricane Katrina according to oil and gas analysts. "Consumers haven't seen the worst of it yet," Brockwell said. Currently gasoline prices are exceeding \$3 a gallon and according to him it "doesn't take a genius" to expect prices to hit \$4 a gallon soon.

Amnesty hosts torture talk

By Sean Gossard
Staff Writer

Dr. Greg Cashman, a political science professor, talked to Salisbury University students and faculty on the topic of torture Tuesday. In the wake of the controversy over the reports of torture at the U.S. military prison in Abu Ghraib, the topic of the torture of Prisoners of War (POW'S) has become openly debated and publicized.

During his speech, which was hosted by SU's chapter of Amnesty International, Cashman discussed the various levels of torture, how different pacts and treaties defined the use of torture and how President Bush found loopholes in the rules of torture.

"Countries have also been known to practice rendition or give prisoners to countries known to torture people, such as Egypt," said Cashman.

In the past 50 years there have been several conferences to decide the exact way to define torture.

During the 3rd Geneva Convention rules were defined for

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Dr. Greg Cashman
Professor of Political Science

the treatment of POW's.

"Many prisoners in Iraq are considered PUC's or prisoners under control, which gives them even less rights," said Cashman.

Common Article 3 in the Geneva Convention stated that during war there would be no torturing, or any cruel, inhumane and degrading treatment of prisoners.

However, President Bush ruled that since the 3rd Geneva Convention does not apply to Al Qaeda then the U.S. military does not have to obey its rules.

On February 2 of 2002 President Bush made an order on how to treat prisoners of the war. He stated "I accept the legal con-

clusion of the Department of Justice and determine that none of the provisions of Geneva apply to our conflict with al-Qaida in Afghanistan or elsewhere throughout the world."

This statement gave the U.S. exclusive rights to treat Al Qaida prisoners as they saw fit to.

Although this statement was initially received with a great deal of shock, soldiers who don't have any experience dealing with POW'S have been receiving the majority of blame and criticism for the treatment of the prisoners.

According to Cashman, many people believe that in this post 9/11 world many of the old rules of torture are obsolete and need to be modernized. This is already under way with the renewing of the Army's Manual.

Dr. Cashman earned a Ph.D. from Denver University in international studies and has taught at Salisbury since 1979. Also during his time at Salisbury he has published several books, most recently *Patterns in Interstate Conflict*, co-written by Dr. Len Robinson.

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Act of Intolerance - An employee reported a note containing a racial comment had been placed on a Nanticoke Hall bulletin board. A student was identified as the note writer. University judicial charges pending.

04/18/06

01:59 AM

Assist Sheriff's Office - University Police assisted the Wicomico Sheriff's Office by apprehending a non-student who was wanted on an arrest warrant.

04/17/06

03:20 AM - 05:20 AM

Harassment - A student reported receiving threatening telephone calls from a former friend.

04/19/06

03:56 AM

Telephone Misuse - A student reported receiving annoying / threatening telephone calls from a former friend.

04/21/06

02:50 AM

Alcohol Violation - A student was found to be in possession of alcoholic beverages in the Devilfish Parking Lot. The student is under arrest and was issued a civil citation.

EDITORIAL

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Overheard: What is your biggest concern for the Earth today?

Photos and article by: Alex Sidel



"The ocean levels rising due to warmer temperatures."

-James Smith, junior



"The chemicals in pesticides being sprayed over our crops."

-Whitney Steere, sophomore



"Ozone depletion which leads to global warming and high UV levels."

-Raey Taye, junior



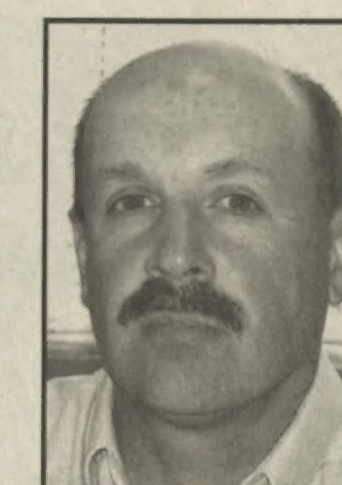
"Oil consumption because the more we use the higher the price."

-Lindsay Hovermale, Grad student



"I would say AIDS because so many people are infected and not tested."

-Rachel Bisengo, senior



"Possible extreme global warming, which is due largely to human influences."

-Brent Skeeter, Faculty

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Letter From the Editor

Civilized reaction is necessary

By Nebil Suleyman

The Jyllands-Posten Muhammad cartoons controversy began after editorial cartoons depicting the prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H) were published in the Danish newspaper Jyllands-Posten on September 30, 2005. As the controversy has grown, some or all of the cartoons have been reprinted in newspapers in many more than countries across Europe and other countries, leading to violent protests involving hundreds of deaths and injuries.

Critics say that the cartoons are culturally insulting, Islamophobic, blasphemous, and intended to humiliate Muslims living in Europe. However, supporters of the cartoons say their publication exercises the right of free speech and that counter to the idea that Islam and its followers have been targeted in a discriminatory way, similar cartoons are made relative to other religions and their followers. To me these cartoons are designed for nothing, but to escalate the tension among the 1.5 billion Muslims around the world. This is not a clash of civilization between Islam and the west, but an insult on something that is very sacred and dear to the heart of Muslims.

Islam does not cause its followers to disregard other religions (on the contrary) it causes Muslims to feel respect toward them. Islam encourages its followers to get together with everyone, it desires that Muslims open their doors to everyone; however, Muslims do not sacrifice their modesty and good character to be

used against them. As the protests and riots grew from Africa to Asia to Latin America, I thought long and hard to find out why these cartoons were published in the first place, and the only conclusion I can come up with is that such atrocities are nothing but efforts to raise a front against the Muslim population around the world. It was also designed to see how the Muslims react to such insults and to say "see these people get hurt over matters such as cartoons".

For anyone who has seen the cartoons, it is very difficult not to be provoked and about which it is difficult to be patient. Some show their reactions at the French or Danish embassies. It was very difficult for me to watch. Muslims cannot approve of such actions. As I have just mentioned, others are utilizing things, which they consider legitimate. But your faith, your culture, your past do not give permission to you. Don't get me wrong, it is absolutely ok to protest against such actions, but they must be civilized and courteous, and within the rules by which you are bound. This is the manner Muslims are taught by their religion. You cannot stay silent against such insolence. You have to do something. But you have to consider well whether your reaction can really help get rid of such offense, or in other words, you have to strive to reach a solution by giving careful thought about realities. Cursing in return for a curse, burning flags, and hurling insults do not solve the problem. On the contrary, such

reactions will increase the violence and hatred on the other side. Such an attitude might even justify their position, and once again they will say, "See, these people get furious over even the smallest matters."

In the face of all this foolishness, we still should act upon reason. What sort of arguments should we use to get rid of this so that we can express our respect both to the Prophet, and Islam. The crime they have committed must be answered. What does burning their flag achieve? In my opinion, such actions are neither retaliation in kind nor a wise action. You only exhibit your feelings of revenge and hatred, which further increases the hatred of others. Civilized action is necessary. They are not acting civilly. You can catch more flies with honey than with vinegar. Despite everything you will always remain calm and preserve your composure. You will never compromise your faith. Everyday Islam is being criticized in the west and we welcome it with open arms and, hearts wide open, however, what is not acceptable, is religion being insulted in the name of freedom of speech. It was thought that freedom of speech is a great power and tool that should be used to speak against injustice and oppression. Freedom of speech is a great power, however, with great power comes great responsibility, and we should use this power wisely and effectively.

Angry about dining dollars? Me too.

By Zach Owens

Staff Writer

The semester is coming to a close and I still have 133 dining dollars to spend. I am regretting that I purchased such a large amount. In the beginning I was happy because there was a lot of money on the account, but come to find out there is a Catch-22. The dining dollars do not roll over, which makes no sense at all. The monopoly money rolls over to the next semester but the dining dollars do not. I think that this is unfair to the buyer.

After this semester even if you still have money left on the account it closes. It does not matter how much is still left at the end of the semester. Therefore I will not see that money again; all of it is pocketed in Salisbury's dining account.

I had voiced my opinions to some of my friends to see if they had the same problem and most did. My one friend said she still has 130 dollars left on the card. When I told her it did not roll-over to the fall, she was shocked.

To fully understand how I could have balanced out my account by the end of this semester I did the math. I figured there are about 120 days in a semester; then I took that number and multiplied it by two dollars and eight cents which came out to be 249.6 dollars. This means I have to spend roughly two dollars and eight cents each day. Now if you want to buy the meal plan with the 250 dining dollars this is the schedule you should use. My solution to those who are in the same situation as me is simple; buy in bulk before the account closes. Buy all

the cases of Red Bull and other food items which you can stock up for this summer. There is no sense in letting the money go to waste so why not go on a shopping spree with your dining dollars at the end of this semester.

I do not think it is logical to buy dining dollars when the monopoly money is offered, if I would have known that the dining dollars did not roll-over to the next semester, I would have not purchased them with my meal plan. I believe the dining dollars should roll over to the next semester or S.U. should get rid of it completely. Who is to say that other incoming students are not going to be suckered into this scam as well.

~SUDOKU~

The Rules of Sudoku

The classic Sudoku game involves a grid of 81 squares. The grid is divided into nine blocks, each containing nine squares.

The rules of the game are simple: each of the nine blocks has to contain all the numbers 1-9 within its squares. Each number can only appear once in a row, column or box.

The difficulty lies in that each vertical nine-square column, or horizontal nine-square line across, within the larger square, must also contain the numbers 1-9, without repetition or omission.

Every puzzle has just one correct solution.

9			4			6		
	8				1			5
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		2	7				3	
		6	9			4		
	1			8	5	9		
		4		6				
3			2					5
		9			7			4

Solution to last week's sudoku puzzle

5	9	1	6	2	3	4	8	7
8	2	3	7	5	4	6	9	1
7	6	4	1	9	8	5	3	2
6	8	2	9	3	5	7	1	4
3	7	5	4	6	1	9	2	8
1	4	9	2	8	7	3	5	6
9	1	7	5	4	2	8	6	3
2	3	6	8	7	9	1	4	5
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Lamda Pi Eta helps Katrina victims

By Erica Tindale
Staff Writer

The scene that met the eyes of 15 Lamda Pi Eta and two faculty members as they arrived in Pearlinton, Miss. for hurricane recovery was shocking.

"We expected to see houses being rebuilt, debris cleaned up off the streets and a town well into the recovery process," LPE treasurer Ashley Butler recalls. "What we saw instead were boats on top of houses, dogs wandering the streets, houses either collapsed, washed away, or taken over by mold, mud, bugs and rats, all untouched since the day Katrina hit."

When LPE first considered planning a trip to Mississippi they weren't sure people would be interested. However, support for the idea was overwhelming and soon a group of 15 students and two advisors were stuffed into SU vans for the 20-hour trip down to Pearlinton.

They planned their trip through the Baptist Student Ministry, were housed in the library of a former elementary school, and were fed by Americorp volunteers.

For four days, they gutted houses, cleared away waste and helped families rebuild their lives that had been so horribly altered by Hurricane Katrina.

"We are sheltered to the life those people on the Gulf Coast are living," LPE publicist and webmaster, Kimberly Gilroy says. "Eight months after the hurricane and the small town of Pearlinton is still

struggling to get back on its feet."

LPE members, along with professors Dennis Leoutsakas and Melany Trenary, spent their time in Pearlinton helping families put their lives back together. They gutted, de-mudded and cleared waste from three houses. "I think we had a lot of impact on their lives just from helping them rebuild," LPE member Brian Eagan says. "What we did in three days could have taken them a month."

Two of the houses that the group worked on had not been touched since the storm. "There was still water from the hurricane that was stuck in some of the appliances we were taking out," LPE member Lizz Mullane says.

One house belonged to an elderly man who was in the hospital. Another was home to the Earl family, who is currently surviving on \$200 a month in unemployment. The father of the Earl family is a fisherman, put out of work by the destruction of his boats in the hurricane.

"The 10 year old son said to us that he just wishes they were able to save some pictures so they had memories of what their lives used to be like," Butler says. "He said that all the friends he used to play with are gone."

Pearlinton is a small town on the Gulf of Mexico that was hit directly by the eye of the hurricane. Out of a population of 1,700 people, only 600 have returned since the storm.

Those that have returned are struggling to rebuild. "People are

still living in FEMA trailers, some even in a basic camping tent," Gilroy says.

On the last day of their trip, the volunteers were touched to see the Earl's actually take in another family. The other family had been living in the woods since the hurricane out of fear that their children would be taken away.

"This family had nothing and yet they still opened their hearts and welcomed another family in," Butler says.

A popular quote among the LPE members has now become "don't stop believing." The phrase comes from the lyrics of a Journey song, that the group sang to the residents of Pearlinton during a night of karaoke. "It kind of became our motto," Gilroy smiles.

LPE members encourage anyone considering planning a trip to the gulf coast to go for it. They themselves are planning a return trip from May 31 to June 7.

"You will never understand the magnitude of the disaster until you can witness it first hand," Butler explains. "Only then will you be able to see how far the gulf coast has to go until the recovery is complete."

LPE has volunteered to help anyone hoping to plan a trip with the coordination. For more information contact Ashley Butler at ab06244@students.salisbury.edu.

To find out more about the citizens of Pearlinton and their struggle to rebuild, visit www.pearlinton.blogspot.com.

Student Spotlight Political science major brings depth of character to SU

By Lauren Mitchell
Staff Writer

Sophomore Justin Ritter is determined to make the most out of his college career. Involved in a multitude of activities ranging from varsity football to the student research symposium, Ritter shares his many talents with the SU community. Because of his motivation, SU may soon have the addition of a political radio talk show and a future city manager to add to its list of alumni.



Alex Sidel/The Flyer

What is your major, and what extracurricular activities do you participate in?

Currently my major is Political Science with a secondary concentration in Philosophy. I presently take part in several political, religious, cultural and athletic organizations. I also partake in a light amount of community service work here and there.

You are an editor for The Flyer and write editorials as well. Since they are often political in nature, do you think it is important for college students to be involved in politics?

Yes, being civically engaged is very important, especially in this present time where a representative democracy is determined by an ever-decreasing amount of voters. We must become more involved and active with the voting process to make sure those in power will truly be the representative of all or most of the people.

Are politics something you enjoy and are passionate about?

Yes I am very passionate about politics. However, I do not let ideologies control my thoughts. I believe that it is important in college to learn and understand all the political sides of the spectrum instead of just fostering one ideological belief and shunning the rest. I think Democrat or Republican, conservative or liberal, have the same interests at heart

(which is attempting to provide for the public good) and I believe, for this country to keep moving forward, we can not let disagreeing partisans continue to hold us back. What is your position on the football team? How does playing a varsity sport enhance your life at college?

My position on the football team is an outside linebacker. And let me tell you, after playing football for SU, everything else I have done has felt easier. Playing football has helped me, and I think other students involved in a sport or any activity at SU can agree, create better time management skills, leadership qualities and friendships that last a lifetime.

I have also heard that you are involved in the Student Research Symposium. What exactly is that?

What are you speaking about and how did you come to be involved in this?

You have heard correctly. Myself and eight other classmates are creating a history presentation for the research symposium, discussing the

concerns of the human interactions with forests in Wicomico County. Our professor, Dr. Lewis, has taken us all over the county to various state, preservation and conservation lands throughout Wicomico County. Not only has this class been fun, but it has also become very interesting as well. So I advise anyone who is tree hugger or loves nature to come out and attend our presentation on April 28.

What are your goals for the rest of your college career and what profession do you hope to have afterward?

Well, right now I am in the early stages of creating a political radio talk show. However, all I really want out of college is to someday get an A in Dr. Kane's class. As for after college, I would like to go to graduate school and study the field of public administration and hopefully become a city manager. But as most of my friends already know, I will probably change my mind about 100 times before I leave SU.



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Hey again, I'm the girl with the boyfriend who didn't want to go to the Cherry Blossom Festival because of his allergies. I have the same problem as before, except this time it's the beach. Now my questions would have been "How do I get him to the beach?" or "Is it really his allergies holding him back?" But my real question is a little bit deeper than that. He's done this "I don't want to go anywhere" thing for about two going on three months now and we've been going out for about a year. I kind of thought that we were getting serious but I don't know how we're going to last if this will keep up. How am I to know if this is what I'm in store for?

These little things can be signs. You may want to be cautious about how he feels about going out and stuff. He could be introverted; more of a "stay at home" kind of guy. Perhaps he could be focusing on school or something that could be going on in his life. Judging from the last incident it might just have been allergies and since this question wasn't so far from the last one, it still could be allergies since it's still spring. I'd watch over him but I wouldn't push or badger him about his allergies (as he says). If he's willing to be active but in an inside place such as the mall, it's obviously allergies. If he doesn't want to go out at all, then maybe you can see the true colors start to shine which would mean he's the "stay at home" kind of guy. Now there's nothing really too wrong with that, at least you'll know he won't be out at night all the time at late hours of the night drinking or partying when he could be with you. But if he's the type to not take you out anywhere when you're always looking for new adventures with him, maybe you two need to talk about what's to happen or what should change. Hopefully, he's willing to do things with you; however, in due time, things will eventually unravel. I'm beginning to wonder whether the major I chose is good for my future. I mean it's something I really want to do but I always hear from my friends, parents and people on campus, "Why aren't you doing something important?" It always makes me feel down about my major. I understand I'm not doing medicine or anything of that sort, but I love what I do. I do well in my classes because it's my passion. I probably could be a science major but would that be wise to switch? I'm only a sophomore into the arts so I could but I'm not sure.

If you're doing well in classes, love your major, and understand what your taste isn't in, then why stop? Doing the chemistry major, for example, will be time consuming but art majors have their downfall as well. Some may struggle when looking for a job unless they know what their concentration is. There are many more factors to consider in each of the majors. Those such as family, friends, and associates are only looking forward to your future when they say go for a medical major. Once you get into a career, you most likely have stability from there on out. However, if you use your art skills and decide to exchange them for science, for example, a graphic design major may see a different light for your future. Graphic and digital design is anywhere and everywhere; it is in your class books, on billboards, on television, on magazines, and so forth. As I said before, there are many things to consider when dealing with your major. You do want to focus on your future and to have stability, so probably looking at potential jobs would help out a lot in the coming years of your future.

For some reason our society strives on what seems to be beautiful in this world. I'm not a skinny girl but yet not a fat, overweight girl. I find myself beautiful but at times I question myself, "Why?" My family tends to have this trend of being somewhat obese but not to a very unhealthy state. I just don't know if the boys I might be attracted to find me attractive. I do go to the gym and I am active so it's not like I'm just sitting around watching TV all day, I just don't know how to attract certain guys. What would you suggest?

It's a wonderful thing that you are focusing on your health and being active knowing that not everyone will be skinny. At the same time, not everyone will be able to gain weight because of their metabolism. Women have to deal with a lot when it comes to their body because the media has made them question their appearance. Because it's specifically theirs, they should feel beauty because no one else has it; it's unique to them. There are many things about the human body that vary from person to person. You must understand that you are beautiful to be who you are. Confidence attracts guys a lot of good guys like confident and strong women. Don't let society mold your mindset into saying you have to be a certain way otherwise you won't be accepted. The more everyone looks the same, the less of an individual each becomes. Some people even lose their personalities because they idolize TV stars and act like them. At the same time, you don't want to be too individual and separate yourself from the world but don't be engulfed with others' idea of beauty. Beauty comes in all shapes and sizes. It will also be appreciated and acknowledged in these different forms.

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Faculty Spotlight

Staff member voted one of "Maryland's Top 100 Women"

By Kristen Collins
Staff Writer

Some people become involved in the community and there are others who make the community their passion. Salisbury University's own Alexis Dashiield did just that. When Dashiield is not at work in the copy center on campus, you can find evidence of her dedicated efforts at The Fruitland Community Center where she has become an essential part of their operations.

In fact, the limitless amount of dedication and support Dashiield exerts in all aspects of her work helped her earn the title of one of Maryland's Top 100 Women, voted on by a business-based newspaper, The Daily Record.

Those who have the opportunity to meet Dashiield immediately see the passion she has for her work at the FCC. She is an avid lobbyist for the FCC, and is constantly at workshops, social events, receptions and events that rally support for the FCC.

Her childhood circumstances resulted in a deeper appreciation for the plight of others and serves as the impetus behind her hard work at the FCC.

Dashiield is first generation integration; she grew up in a segregated world—a world which students nowadays only read about in history books. The segregation meant programs such as pre-school that prepared children for kindergarten were not available. Conversely, as a parent of first generation integration, it was difficult to fathom what was expected from her children when they entered kindergarten since integration was a new concept and different from what was expected from her segregated generation.

Dashiield was concerned about her situation. Still, her warm and loving personality made it easy for two long time educators, Mary B. Pinkert and Mary Gladys Jones, to tell her that they had a program which would help her son Julian, who was at risk of repeating first grade, reach his full potential and move forward with his education.

Today, Julian Dashiield works for Lockheed Martin Space Operations at the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, MD as a satellite engineer for the Aqua and Aura Earth observation satellites. He earned his degree in electrical engineering from the School of Engineering at Morgan State University in December of 2004.

This life lesson created the foundation for what Dashiield, Jones and Pinkert work hard to support—the education and security of "at-risk" children.

In Dashiield's case, Julian became "at risk" since schooling had become drastically different from Dashiield's generation; however, today "at risk" children can be seen as the "low man on the social economic status totem pole".

For instance, these children do not grow up with books and other educational supplies which help them learn the basics before they actually enter school. These children have limited resources, speak broken English, have a lack in parent's guidance, and are fighting for survival.

The volunteers at the FCC are a big part of these children's lives and the fight for them to excel.

Although the FCC gets support from festivals, block parties, raffles, memberships, investments, grants, and local churches, they were given a huge leg up several years ago. In 1991, the chapter Delta Sigma



Alex Sidel/The Flyer

Omega of the sorority Alpha Kappa Alpha became a vital contributor for both the FCC's volunteers and budget. The Ivy AKAdeMy was also formed.

Dashiield and the other supporters of the FCC believe in strict discipline, but in also making learning fun for the children who attend the Ivy AKAdeMy at the FCC.

Today, Dashiield works hard to support the FCC in anyway possible.

Both Jones and Dashiield take part in introducing music and arts into these children's lives by taking them on a variety of field trips to experience the African Choir at UMES, The Smithsonian, and the

Ward Museum.

"A part of the Ivy AKAdeMy is to expand the children's horizons," Jones says.

Dashiield is working hard to see music programs, arts and crafts, and also fine arts become a part of the children's lives.

In addition, the FCC also wants to see their computer lab become a place for adults to come and find educational support.

The FCC has so much to offer. To hear how much of an impact it and its volunteers have made on the community from only a few passionate women behind the scenes. There are several opportunities for the SU campus to volunteer and to help these women in their quest to help educate children.

Dashiield is an incredible asset to SU and with a woman like her to inspire the good works of those around her, nothing should seem impossible to accomplish.

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Earth day spreads awareness at SU

By Kristen Collins
Staff Writer

Last Wednesday SU celebrated Earth Day, and it could not have been better. The weather was beautiful and it brought out a large crowd that took part in the awareness and education of the planet's delicate yet vital environment.

Many clubs participated including the Outdoor Club, SOAP, Asian and Pacific Islanders club, Peace Alliance, Environmental Science Club, SSACK, ESA Green, Surf Club, Habitat for Humanity, National Wildlife Refuge, and Catholic Campus Ministry, just to name a few. Clubs had booths set up to educate others of environ-

mentally safe and positive practices. Those who had the opportunity to visit the setup in Red Square were able to partake in a variety of Earth-friendly activities such as a moon bounce, tie dying, a yard sale and exposure to the educational endeavors of the Humane Society through the wagging tails and playful nature of puppies.

When asked why Earth Day was important to participant Dave Hartwick, his reply was simple. "Cleanliness and treating the world the way it should be treated," he says.

As many walked through the various activities, they were able to see the way the campus community was involved. The celebration offered



Left: Matt Lesinski and Megan White prepare to fight at Wednesday's Earth Day celebration in the Red Square. Right: A Tie-Dye booth was set up for students to create their own colorful creations. Photos: Larua Emmons/The Flyer

multiple forms of entertainment. Both the live band and the people were eager to learn and participate.

"I feel it's our day to inform people about mother earth, because the earth is really rad," says participant,

Tommy Colliton. Overall, Earth Day was successful in bringing the SU campus together,

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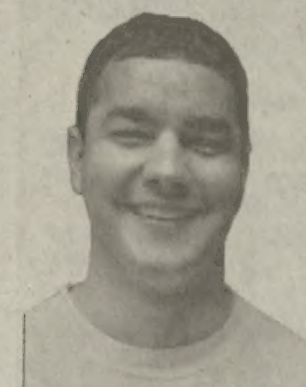
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SPORTS

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By Kevin Froehlich
Sports Editor

Dear Rocket,

Hey Roger, how's retirement treating you? Oh, that's right, I forgot you're still officially a MLB player. Sorry.

It's just, you know, that the season started three weeks ago and you have yet to decide whether or not you still have the heart for it. All I have besides four stamps, a Mets bobblehead doll and a sweet dark green T-shirt with white lettering that says, in quotation marks, "Hot Fudge," so who am I to judge?

Still, who are you, Moses? What are we waiting for the Ten Commandments here? It's a difficult decision, yes, but it's not like whichever way you end up falling will ultimately change the course of history in the grand scheme of things. Please, just come down from the mountain top and make your mind up already.

Sorry. Must be the Barry Bonds in me, keep forgetting what I said minutes ago. You're like a little girl, or Brett Favre, you can never pick a decision and stick with it. It makes me feel bad for your wife, because it must suck to go to Outback with you.

Your wife: "Rocket, what's wrong?"
 You: "I knew I should've ordered the Drower's Platter. Damn you, Alice Springs Chicken. You've done me in again!"

So, because I know you're busy scratching your head right now, I'll first tell you exactly why you should not retire, and then I'll follow up with some reasons why you should.

Here's why you'd be stupid to hang em up:
 Because you went 13-8 with a 1.87 ERA last year. Sure, the record doesn't look so good, but neither did

Awaiting time for blast off

the Astros offense in 2005. And your ERA was so much better than any other pitcher's that it had Sandy Koufax doing a double take.

Because the 'Stros are the defending National League Champions. This one only applies if you play in Houston, though. Okay, so the stay was only four games and you could only go two innings before your body starting acting up. Still, the home club is 9-4 so far this season and I think we all know the Brewers are going to pull an Aflerick: start off strong but end up in the can.

Because you've seen what Curt Shilling has done so far. Honestly, do you really want to let that self-righteous, loud-mouthed, opinionated punk show you up? I think not.

Because there's \$20 million waiting for you when you sign. Have you ever worn a suit made of \$1,000 bills? Have you ever experienced a slice of heaven? Well, if you do the first, you'll feel the second.

Here's why you'd be stupid not to hang em up:

Because you went 13-8 last year. I'll spell it out for you: your teammates let you down. They could score 30 runs an inning for Andy Pettitte, but when you needed two - just two - where were they? That's right, laughing behind your back at the fact that you rub Ben-Gay on your juveos.

Because you're asking for \$20 mil. No one, not even Steinbrenner, is going to shell out that kind of green for a weekend mercenary. This isn't Medieval Spain, and you're not El Cid. This is America, and like a rum and coke, hold the coke, you're a means to an end.

Because you saw what Randy Johnson did a year ago. The Big Unit's numbers weren't bad (17-8, 3.79 ERA), but they weren't golden, either. As Third Eye Blind sang, "Mr. Death catches all some day," and he's creeping up on Randy, and he's creeping up on you. Plus, I don't want to put a suicide watch on you because you can't handle that you're not the best anymore. I had to do that for Michael Jackson in 1994, and look how he's ended up.

There you have it, both the pro and the con. I hope I've helped clear things up. If not, whatever, just don't start holding press conferences to announce you haven't moved your mind up yet like old Gunslinger does.

Sincerely,
Kfro

Student Athlete Spotlight

Softball utilizes O'Gara for success

By Aaron Boker
Staff Writer

In just only her freshman year, utility player Meghan O'Gara has been an asset for No. 13 Salisbury softball. Coming south from East Northport, New York, O'Gara has a .439 batting average with a .732 slugging percentage. O'Gara has also gotten 18 base hits, scored 17 runs while driving in 13 in just 41 at-bats. Let's learn a little about O'Gara's first season away from East Northport.



Kyle Sherman/TheFlyer

Describe how it has been to make a transition from high school to college softball and have an impact on the team in just your first year?

Actually in high school I wasn't that strong of a hitter and I came here and I'm a better hitter; and I just think you can put anyone out there and I think that anyone can come out there and make the play. It just happens to be me recently.

What made you come to down to Salisbury up from East Northport, New York?

My guidance counselor. We had this program at my school where you can write down the major you wanted and I was originally an athletic training major and my counselor said Salisbury was a competitive Division III school. And then I didn't come to visit, I just sent that I was coming.

Being in the utility role you get to play a lot of positions, but what is your favorite position?

I guess outfield just because I'm a lot more use to it. I usually get my most playing time in left but the [Coach] is good.

Margie Knight] has been moving me around in center and right. So I guess left field is my favorite.

What do you do with the 20 minutes in between games?

My family never comes so we have this game called "flip" where you get three touches with a taped old sock and it if hits you and it hits the ground it's one point and if you get five points you're out of the game. It's a "last man standing" game.

What has been your favorite part of your SU experience, this being your first year?

Softball. It takes up my time, which is good.

What are your goals you would like to achieve in your four years on the softball team?

To win a national championship. I think that's the only one I care about.

Do you have any plans for after college?

I barely have plans for college.

Unfortunately being from New York does this 'mean you're a Yankees fan? No! I hate the Yankees, Jodie doesn't like that, it makes her mad. I'm actually a Seattle Mariners fan.

Baseball survives rain, rally to advance to CAC finals

By Dustin Holt
Staff Writer

The No. 1 CAC-seeded baseball team defeated third-seed Mary Washington in the semi-finals of the conference tournament 10-8 Saturday morning at Sea Gull Field. Salisbury outlasted a furious rally and several rain delays to advance to the conference championship game. Ryan Bennick worked seven and two-thirds innings to pick up his sixth win of the season.

The Sea Gulls got on the board first when junior outfielder Andrew Jensen launched a two-run home run well over the left field fence for a 2-0 lead in the second. Jensen was able to get his chance because senior Matt Foster worked the Mary Washington pitcher hard enough for a walk. Foster was down 0-2 and fouled off several pitches before reaching base.

The Eagles threatened in the bottom of the second but sophomore second baseman Mark Bostwick made an over the shoulder sliding catch in short right field for the final out of the inning, preventing a run from scoring. Bostwick remained in the spotlight as he led off the top of the third with a solo

home run to left putting the Sea Gulls up 3-0.

With Salisbury hitters locked-on in the batters box, senior shortstop Greg Lemon found his pitch and crushed the first delivery down the right field line for back-to-back home runs and a 4-0 lead.

After Mary Washington scored a run in the third, Salisbury got it back with a two-out RBI single from junior Pete Callahan, scoring Foster from second. The Eagles were able to get the run back in the bottom of the inning on a solo home run but the damage could have been worse if not for some brilliant Salisbury defense.

With a runner on first Lemon caught a hard line drive and fired the ball to senior first baseman Nick Pegelow to get the napping runner off first base for the double play.

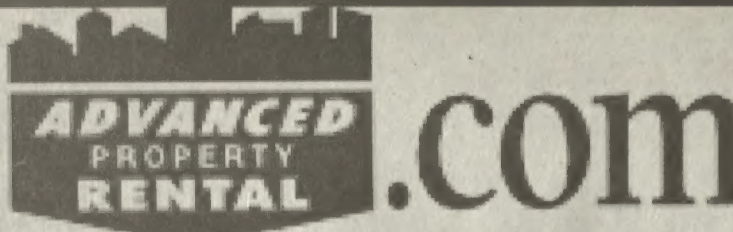
Mary Washington scored two more runs to cut Salisbury's lead to 5-4 in the sixth but another fantastic defense play, this time junior centerfielder Colin Kraus' diving catch, stopped the rally.

The Sea Gulls got two runs back when senior Jason Lively walked and Kraus singled putting runners on first and second. Coach Doug Fleerwood wanted to change to

momentum of the game so he called a hit and run and it worked to perfection as Pegelow hit a ground ball where the second baseman would have been, into right field scoring Lively and getting Kraus to third. Junior third baseman Alex Vitale made a perfect suicide squeeze bunt to follow, scoring the stealing Kraus from third putting Salisbury up 7-4.

After a 45 minute rain delay, Lemon added another run when he hit a line drive to left for a triple. The Eagles then cut the lead to three in the bottom of the eighth with a solo home run. Salisbury added two important insurance runs in the ninth, when Vitale scored on an error by the Eagles first baseman off the bat of Foster, and Callahan added a RBI single giving the Sea Gulls 10-5 lead.

Salisbury withstood a furious rally in the bottom of the ninth when they used three pitchers to get three outs. Junior Tom Howell got the last out in the eighth and first in the ninth. Freshman Adam Keeling got the second out and junior Dan Oleynik, with a 10-8 lead and two runners on, blew a fast ball by the hitter for the final out of the game.




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Sea Gull Sports Beat

By Kevin Froehlich
Sports Editor

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

The now No. 1 women's lacrosse team rebounded from their first loss of the season with an important 10-7 road victory over No. 12 Mary Washington on Thursday.

Kate Scott and Katie Simmons paced the offense for SU (14-1, 6-0 CAC), who led by only one goal with less than 10 minutes remaining, with three scores a piece. Scott also added two assists. Ali Goetz was huge in goal for the Gulls, recording 10 saves.

TENNIS

Both the men and women were in

CAC tournament action this week, with the women advancing to the finals and the men falling to Mary Washington in their finals.

The women (10-4) defeated Catholic 8-1 on Friday, setting up a showdown with Mary Washington in the championship meet. Erika Mitry (6-4, 7-5), Jen Rosler (6-3, 6-0), Sammie Smiles (6-4, 6-1) and Anna Marie Kable (6-2, 6-4) all excelled for the Gulls.

Before the men (11-6) were beaten by the Eagles 7-0 on Saturday, they dismantled both Gallaudet and York 6-1 during the week.

Against the Bison on Monday, No. 1 Brendan Kincaid (6-0, 6-1) and No. 2 Tyler Robinson (6-2, 6-0) shined. Mark Nettlow and Shane

Barry each won their matches 6-1, 6-0, as well.

In the victory over York on Thursday, Kincaid struggled in the second set but managed to pull out a 6-2, 7-5 win. Robinson (6-0, 6-0) and Nettlow (6-0, 6-2) easily breezed through their matches for SU.

Go Gulls!

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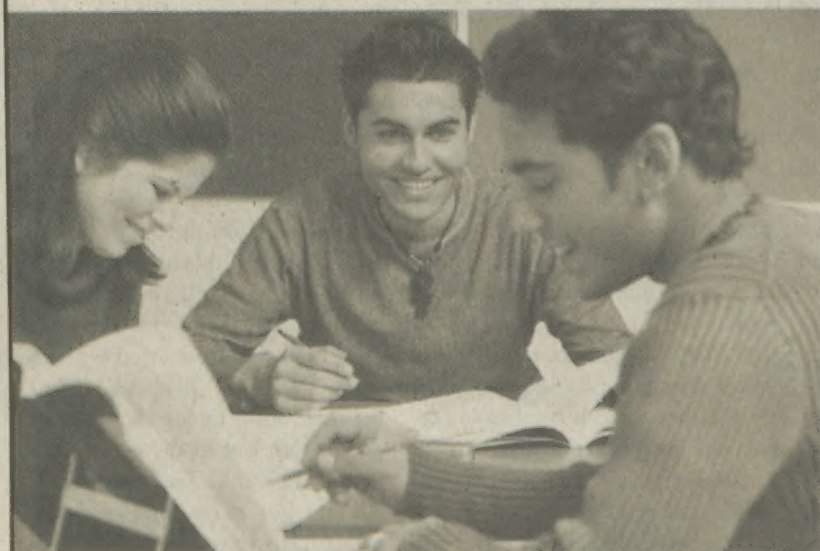
Monday - Saturday

9am - 7pm

Sunday

9am - 5pm

Whether at home or miles from home working hard to build your future, keeping a good health is essential to your success.



For those unexpected injuries and illnesses, Salisbury Immediate Care & Injury Center is available to help you 7 days a week!

At our facility, you can conveniently be seen and treated without an appointment, often in less than an hour. Our trained medical staff will provide you with quality medical care, ensuring complete privacy at all times.

- Cuts - Lacerations - Stitches
- Broken Bones / Fractures
- Minor Burns
- Back Injuries
- Eye Infections & Injuries

- Morning After Pill
- Sprains & Strains
- STDs
- Hepatitis B shots
- Tendonitis

- Asthma
- Bladder Infections
- Coughs & Colds
- Bronchitis
- Diarrhea

- Dizziness
- Ear Aches
- Fever & Flu
- Infections
- Allergies

- Nausea & Vomiting
- Rashes
- Sinus Infections
- Sore Throats
- And other medical services

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Conveniently located in the Salisbury Health Pavilion, Rt. 13, next to the Delmarva Surgery Center, across from Wawa.

- Walk-in medical care

- Evening hours

- Open 7 days a week

- On-site X-ray, lab, and pharmacy

- Medical care for patients of all ages, from infants to adults

- Worker's compensation and occupational health services

Most insurance accepted. Please visit our website for details.